

Version of amendments showing changes made:

In the specification, page 1, lines 4-8 were:

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and have been changed to:

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and

Daniel Foucher

On page 1, the continuing data paragraph has been changed as follows:

This is a continuation in part of co-pending applications: Application- Serial No.

09/192,735, entitled "System for Iterative, Multivariate Negotiations Over a

Network" filed 11/16/98, now US Patent No. 6,141,653; Application Serial No.

09/192,729, entitled "System and Method for Providing and Updating User Supplied

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Context for a Negotiations System" filed 11/16/98, now US Patent No. 6,338,050; Application Serial No. 09/192,979, entitled "System and Method for Representing Data and Providing Electronic Non-Repudiation in a Negotiations System" filed 11/16/98, now US Patent No. 6,336,105; and Application Serial No. 09/192,848, entitled "System and Method for Ordering Sample Quantities Over a Network" filed 11/16/98, now US Patent No. 6,332,135.

On page 44, the paragraph at line 15 has been changed as follows:

Figures 15c-1 through ~~15c-3~~ 15c-2 are block diagrams showing a proposed letter of credit using the present invention.

Remarks:

Claims 2-31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Applicants' related issued and co-pending applications.

Claims 31-61 have been added.

The Specification was objected to because a reference was made to Fig. 15C-3 which does not exist. The Specification was also objected to because the continuing data on Page 1 did not include the present status of each parent case.

Applicants' attorney has filed a disclaimer herewith to overcome the judicially created obviousness double patenting rejection and believes this places Claims 2-61 in condition for allowance. The Specification has been amended to reorder the names of the inventors and to update the continuing data to include the present status of each parent case. Applicants respectfully submit that the erroneous reference to Figure 15c-3 occurs on Page 44, not Page 38 and have amended it accordingly.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above bases for objection and rejection have been overcome and that Claims 2-61 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration

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of all the claims is requested. Allowance of Claims 2-61 at an early date is solicited.

Applicants' Attorney respectfully requests that if she can be of any further assistance in putting all the claims in condition for allowance that she be reached by telephone at 508-653-8143 in order to discuss the application with the Examiner, so that any new objections or rejections may be addressed.

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